

# **DRAFT CHAPTER 3: PLAN GOALS**

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## **Overview**

Goals are the framework for guiding county growth and development. The guidelines of each chapter are based upon the principles of these goals. Achieving these goals will ensure Chesterfield County continues to be a healthy, thriving community providing residents with a high quality of life; employers with a supportive business climate; and visitors with positive historical, cultural, recreational and shopping experiences.

Goals are achieved through the measures outlined in the Implementation chapter.

Where the goals refer to public facilities and infrastructure, they include schools, parks, libraries, fire and emergency medical services stations, transportation and other public infrastructure and services.

## **Plan Goals**

### **USING THE PLAN**

- The Comprehensive Plan offers general guidance to the growth, redevelopment, revitalization and infrastructure provision of the county.
- Programs, strategies, policies, ordinances, projects and development incentives should, where appropriate, align with the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Comprehensive Plan should be a useful tool in guiding long-term decision making and resource allocation, including the Capital Improvement Program.
- The Comprehensive Plan helps the county be proactive in preparing for change.

### **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Orderly and fiscally responsible growth occurs by providing adequate public facilities and infrastructure.
- The public sector's role for ensuring long-term stability and supporting a high quality of life is to provide equitable distribution and efficient allocation of public resources. Provision of equitable public services will promote investment and reinvestment in aging and maturing areas.

### **ECONOMY**

- A high quality of life is supported by an expanding and diverse economy that generates well paying jobs and contributes significantly to the tax base.
- Economic Development Opportunity Sites are served by adequate public facilities and infrastructure so as to offer "ready sites" that are competitively attractive for investment.
- The Plan recognizes and promotes an appropriate balance between residential and business growth.

**COMMUNITY**

- The mix of living, shopping, entertainment, recreation, employment and natural areas is balanced and integrated to ensure a highly desired quality of life and fiscal health.
- Strong and sustainable neighborhoods and business areas are well planned, of high quality, visually attractive and well maintained.
- Redevelopment and revitalization opportunities are promoted to take advantage of existing or planned public facilities and infrastructure.
- As determined by the community, our communities are connected, both physically and socially, to their surroundings and nearby destinations, and easily accessible by walkers, cyclists and drivers.
- Unique and attractive social places are the cornerstone of our thriving communities.

**ENVIRONMENT**

- Valued environmental resources are protected, and where appropriate enhanced, through fair regulatory practices and regulations while accommodating growth and development consistent with the Plan.
- Vital environmental resources and features are integrated into development designs for enjoyment by the community, where appropriate.

**HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL**

- Unique historical and cultural resources are valued and preserved, and where appropriate, incorporated into the community fabric.
- Tourism and educational opportunities are provided to promote unique historical and cultural resources.